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FOR : SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PROCESSING DATA IN A DISTRIBUTED  
ARCHITECTURE

AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING  
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 033975 (*Ref. No. 042846-0313079*).